



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5497

February Session, 2014



AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN I-BEST PROGRAM ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "integrated basic education and skills training programming"
3 means a program based on the Integrated Basic Education and Skills
4 Training Program, I-BEST, that fosters students' literacy and work
5 skills by pairing two instructors in the classroom, one to teach
6 professional and technical content and the other to teach basic skills in
7 reading, math, writing or English language, to enable students to move
8 through school and into living wage jobs faster by learning basic skills
9 in real-world scenarios offered by the job-training portion of the
10 curriculum and earning the necessary credentials for such jobs.

11 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, the state Department of Education, in
12 collaboration with the Department of Social Services, Labor
13 Department and regional workforce development boards established
14 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes, shall expand the
15 integrated basic education and skills training programming
16 implemented pursuant to section 17b-112k of the general statutes, on a
17 regional basis to other areas of this state with a high population
18 density of persons who are receiving benefits under the temporary
19 family assistance program and participating in the Jobs First

20 employment services program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
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HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*